

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE BILL NO. 1164

Introduced by: Representatives Peterson, Bartling, Hunhoff (Bernie), and Nelson and
Senators Frerichs, Begalka, and Kirkeby

1 FOR AN ACT ENTITLED, An Act to revise who may sign a petition for political candidates
2 of a party.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF SOUTH DAKOTA:

4 Section 1. That § 12-6-8 be amended to read as follows:

5 12-6-8. No person may sign the nominating petition of a candidate before January first in
6 the year in which the election is to be held, nor for whom the person is not entitled to vote, nor
7 for a political candidate of a party of which the person is not a member unless the person is
8 registered as an independent, nor of more than the number of candidates required to be
9 nominated for the same office. There shall be added by either the signer or the circulator, the
10 signer's place of residence, and the date of signing. The signer's post office box number may be
11 given in lieu of a street address if the signer lives within a municipality of the second or third
12 class. A formal declaration of the candidate shall be signed by the circulator prior to the
13 circulation of petitions. The signed declaration of the candidate, or a facsimile thereof, may
14 accompany and be a part of the petition. The original signed declaration shall accompany the
15 group of petitions upon filing. The petition shall be verified under oath by the persons



1 circulating the petition. The verification by the person circulating the petition may not be
2 notarized by the candidate whom the petition is nominating. The provisions of this section may
3 not prohibit a person registered with party affiliation from signing either a petition nominating
4 an independent or a nonpolitical candidate for office if the person has not previously signed a
5 petition for that office to be filled.